



## Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety

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Governor

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Commissioner

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Division Directors and Section Supervisors  
FROM: Tim Burgess  
SUBJECT: Proposed Administrative Rule Change

Enclosed are proposed rule changes in Chapter 375-3-1, Driver's License Services, General Provisions; 570-2, Accident Reporting; 375-6-2, Accident Reporting; 570-18, Mandatory No-Fault Insurance; and 375-6, Insurance along with the Notice of Public Hearing. Such proposal and notice shall be placed on your bulletin board for a period of thirty (30) days. After the rules and Notice of Public Hearing have been posted, please confirm via email to Phyllis Johnson at [pjohnson@dmvs.ga.gov](mailto:pjohnson@dmvs.ga.gov).

If you have any questions, please direct them to Neal Childers, General Counsel at (678) 413-8765.

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### ***375-3-1-.01 Assignment of Customer Identification Number.***

(1) Upon initial application to the Department for a driver's license or identification card, the applicant, upon satisfaction of the requirements for issuance of the document, will be assigned a unique identification number generated by a random number system.

(2) Any other document issued to the applicant by the Department will bear the identification number previously assigned.

(3) Requests for a change of the customer identification numbers will be honored under the following circumstances:

(a) The current customer identification number is the applicant's social security account number;

(b) The applicant's driver's license and/or identification card has been stolen (the applicant must furnish a copy of the police report to the Department); or

(c) The License Fraud Unit has authorized a change of customer identification number in writing;

(4) Customer identification numbers may also be changed, in the discretion of the Department, as needed to carry out the Department's obligations.

(5) For the purposes of this Chapter, the term "customer identification number" shall have the same meaning as the term "driver identification number," "distinguishing number," and "identification card number."

Authority O.C.G.A. § 40-5-1(13.5); O.C.G.A. § 40-5-2; O.C.G.A. § 40-5-28; O.C.G.A. § 40-5-100(b); O.C.G.A. § 40-5-171(b). **History.**

## **SYNOPSIS**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE**

This regulation is enacted to specify the manner in which a customer identification number will be assigned and the manner in which the number may be changed.

### **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES**

This is a new regulation. There is no existing rule.

***570-2-.01 Public Availability of Accident Reports. Amended.***

~~(1) Georgia Uniform Motor Vehicle Accident Reports which are prepared by or submitted to the Department of Public Safety are not public records. Such reports shall be made available for inspection during normal working hours at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters or any Georgia State Patrol Post where such reports are located upon submission of a written showing of need as set forth in O.C.G.A. § [50-18-72](#)(a)(4.1) and approval of said showing by a custodian of records of the Department. Georgia Uniform Motor Vehicle Accident Reports may be purchased from the Department or any State Patrol Post for a fee of \$5.00 for each copy.~~

~~(2) All fees prescribed by this Rule shall be paid in advance by certified check, cashier's check, teller's check, company check or money order made payable to the Department of Public Safety. Cash will be accepted only if delivered by hand to the Department of Public Safety Headquarters or any State Patrol Post. Personal checks will not be accepted.~~

**Repealed.**

Authority Ga. L. 1952, p. 290, (O.C.G.A. Sec. 92A-128); Ga. L. 1975, p. 443, (O.C.G.A. Sec. 68-1824.1); Ga. L. 1951, p. 565, 574, (O.C.G.A. Sec. 92A-612). Ga. L. 1988, pp. 243-249, (O.C.G.A. Sec. [5-18-70-72](#)); Ga. L. 1991, pp. 1868-1869, (O.C.G.A. Sec. [35-1-9](#)); Ga. L. 1991, pp. 309-310, (O.C.G.A. Sec. 409-30); Ga. L. 1991, p. 1870 (O.C.G.A. Sec. [40-50-2](#)), O.C.G.A. § [50-18-72](#)(a)(4.1). **History.** Original Rule entitled "Fee for Copies of Accident Reports" was filed on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Public Availability of Accident Reports" adopted. Filed August 8, 1975; effective August 28, 1975. **Amended:** Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 25, 1982. **Amended:** F. Jan. 13, 1992; eff. Feb. 2, 1992. **Amended:** F. Jan. 25, 2000; eff. Feb. 14, 2000.

***375-6-2-.01 Public Availability of Accident Reports. Amended.***

(1) Georgia Uniform Motor Vehicle Accident Reports which are prepared by or submitted to the Department of ~~Public Safety~~ are not public records. Such reports shall be made available for inspection during normal working hours at the Department of ~~Public~~ Motor Vehicle Safety Headquarters ~~or any Georgia State Patrol Post where such reports are located~~ upon submission of a written showing of need as set forth in O.C.G.A. § [50-18-72](#)(a)(4.1) and approval of said showing by a custodian of records of the Department. Georgia Uniform Motor Vehicle Accident Reports may be purchased from the Department ~~or any State Patrol Post~~ for a fee of \$5.00 for each copy.

(2) All fees prescribed by this Rule shall be paid in advance by certified check, cashier's check, teller's check, company check or money order made payable to the Department of ~~Public~~ Motor Vehicle Safety. Cash will be accepted only if delivered by hand to the Department of ~~Public~~ Motor Vehicle Safety Headquarters ~~or any State Patrol Post~~. Personal checks will not be accepted.

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## **SYNOPSIS**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE**

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to modify an existing regulation in light of the transfer of the accident reporting function to this agency.

## **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES**

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-2-.01, is repealed, and the amended regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-2-.01.

References to the Department of Public Safety are replaced with references to the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety; references to patrol posts of the Georgia State Patrol are deleted.

***570-2-.02 Uniform Traffic Accident Reports. Amended.***

~~(1) Uniform Traffic Accident Reports shall be in a form prescribed by the Department of Public Safety.~~

~~(2) All Georgia law enforcement agencies are required to submit Uniform Traffic Accident Reports through their particular chief law enforcement officer to the Georgia Department of Public Safety. Said reports shall be filed in all accidents which result in injury or death of any person or property damage to an apparent extent of \$500.00 or more, and occur on public roads, streets and highways of this State, including county and municipal roads.~~

~~(3) Reports must be submitted to the Accident Reporting Unit of the Department of Public Safety, within four days of subject accident.~~

~~(4) Uniform Traffic Accident Reports must be typewritten or printed legibly in black ink. The Department of Public Safety may return illegible reports to the appropriate investigating agency for correction; such returned forms must be resubmitted to the Department within four days of the agency receipt.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1973, p. 443; Ga. L. 1978, Act 1253, effective July 1, 1978; O.C.G.A. Secs. [40-9-30](#), 40-6-273. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Uniform Traffic Accident Reports" was filed on April 5, 1974; effective April 25, 1974. **Amended:** Filed July 12, 1978; effective August 1, 1978. **Amended:** F. Jan. 13, 1992; eff. Feb. 2, 1992. **Amended:** F. Jan. 29, 1997; eff. Feb. 18, 1997.

***375-6-2-.02 Uniform Traffic Accident Reports. Amended.***

- (1) Uniform Traffic Accident Reports shall be in a form prescribed by the Department of Public Safety.
- (2) All Georgia law enforcement agencies are required to submit Uniform Traffic Accident Reports through their particular chief law enforcement officer to the Georgia Department of ~~Public~~ Motor Vehicle Safety. Said reports shall be filed in all accidents which result in injury or death of any person or property damage to an apparent extent of \$500.00 or more, and occur on public roads, streets and highways of this State, including county and municipal roads.
- (3) Reports must be submitted to the Accident Reporting Unit of the Department of ~~Public~~ Motor Vehicle Safety, ~~within four days of subject accident~~ within fifteen (15) days after the end of the month in which the report was prepared or received.
- (4) Uniform Traffic Accident Reports must be typewritten or printed legibly in black ink. The Department of ~~Public~~ Motor Vehicle Safety may return illegible reports to the appropriate investigating agency for correction; such returned forms must be resubmitted to the Department within four days of the agency receipt.
- (5) Uniform Traffic Accident Reports may be submitted electronically in accordance with the current Georgia Standards for Electronic Crash Reporting Software, as promulgated by the Department.

Authority Ga. L. 1973, p. 443; Ga. L. 1978, Act 1253, effective July 1, 1978; O.C.G.A. Secs. [40-9-30](#), 40-6-273. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Uniform Traffic Accident Reports" was filed on April 5, 1974; effective April 25, 1974. **Amended:** Filed July 12, 1978; effective August 1, 1978. **Amended:** F. Jan. 13, 1992; eff. Feb. 2, 1992. **Amended:** F. Jan. 29, 1997; eff. Feb. 18, 1997.



## **SYNOPSIS**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE**

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to modify an existing regulation in light of the transfer of the accident reporting function to this agency, and to make provision for the submission of reports by electronic means.

### **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES**

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-2-.02, is repealed, and the amended regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-2-.02.

References to the Department of Public Safety are replaced with references to the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety, except in paragraph (1).

Paragraph (5) is added.

***570-18-.01 Insurance Certification Required for Vehicle Licensing.  
Amended.***

~~All motor vehicles shall be in compliance with the mandatory provisions of the “Georgia Motor Vehicle Accident Reparations Act,” prior to issuance or transfer of a motor vehicle license tag or decal.~~

Repealed.

**Authority** Ga. L. 1974, pp. 123, 124; O.C.G.A. §§ 40-5-4. **History.** Original Rule entitled “Insurance Certification Required for Vehicle Licensing” was filed on November 5, 1974; effective November 25, 1974. **Amended:** F. Aug. 12, 1993; eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

### ***375-8-1--.01 Definitions.***

As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the meaning set forth below, unless expressly provided otherwise.

(1) “Commercial vehicle policy” means a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance affording coverage to a motor vehicle that is rated or insured as a business or commercial use vehicle or is licensed by the State as a commercial vehicle; provided, however, that if the named insured is a natural person, the policy shall not be deemed to be a commercial vehicle policy notwithstanding the type of rating, insurance coverage, or vehicle type.

(2) “GEICS” means the Georgia Electronic Insurance Compliance System, the Department’s electronic database of motor vehicle insurance coverage information.

(3) “Minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage” means minimum coverage as now or hereafter defined by the General Assembly in Chapter 34 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia.

(4) “Proof of minimum insurance coverage” means the Department’s receipt from an insurer authorized to do business in Georgia of notice of the coverage of a vehicle with a policy of insurance satisfying the minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage requirements via electronic transmission by means approved by the Department. The term also includes, when applicable, alternative means of furnishing proof of insurance set forth in O.C.G.A. § 40-6-10.

(5) “Terminate” and “termination” mean the actual cessation of insurance coverage after the date upon which coverage will not be restored for any reason, including without limitation cancellation, nonrenewal, and non payment of premium, without regard to

whether or not the cessation of coverage was preceded by any extension or grace period allowed by the insurer.

(6) “Opt-in” means the voluntary decision by an insurer to report the issuance or renewal of a commercial vehicle policy.

(7) “Natural person” means persons and any business organization or association other than a corporation or an organization or association of which a corporation is a member. For the purposes of this Chapter, a corporation must be in good standing with the Secretary of State or, if not a Georgia corporation, with the equivalent official in the state of incorporation.

**Authority** O.C.G.A. §§ 40-2-1; 40-2-26; 40-5-71(c); 40-6-10. **History.** Original Rule entitled “Insurance Certification Required for Vehicle Licensing” was filed on November 5, 1974; effective November 25, 1974. **Amended:** F. Aug. 12, 1993; eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

## **SYNOPSIS**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE**

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to adopt a regulation in compliance with the requirements of H.B. 994 and H.B. 1314, which modify the methods for providing proof of insurance and the consequences of a termination of insurance coverage.

### **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES**

The former regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-18-.01, is repealed, and the amended regulation is published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-8-1-.01.

The prior regulation is repealed in its entirety.

All of the definitions are new.

***570-18-.02 Certification of Insurance: Requirements. Amended.***

~~(1) — Certification must be by affirmation on a Georgia Motor Vehicle Registration Form.~~

~~(2) — If the owner of a vehicle applies for registration at an issuing agency the issuing agency may require that further evidence of liability insurance be presented by one of the forms specified in Rule 570-18-.03.~~

Repealed.

**Authority** Ga. L. 1974, pp. 123, as amended; O.C.G.A. §§ 40-5-4. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Certification of Insurance Requirements" was filed on November 5, 1974; effective November 25, 1974. **Amended:** F. Aug. 12, 1993; eff. Sept. 1, 1993. **Amended:** F Apr. 23, 1999; eff. May 13, 1999.

***375-8-1--.02 Insurer Reporting Requirements.***

~~(1) Certification must be by affirmation on a Georgia Motor Vehicle Registration Form.~~

~~(2) If the owner of a vehicle applies for registration at an issuing agency the issuing agency may require that further evidence of liability insurance be presented by one of the forms specified in Rule 570-18-.03.~~

(1) Beginning November 1, 2002, any insurer issuing or renewing any policy of motor vehicle liability insurance on a vehicle required to be registered in this State in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 34 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia shall, within thirty (30) days after the date on which the agent binds the coverage or the date such coverage was renewed, provide notice of the coverage of such vehicle by electronic transmission to the GEICS.

(2) Prior to submitting information to the GEICS, each insurer must register with the Department for the purpose of obtaining access to the GEICS. The GEICS is a secured database accessible only by authorized users.

(3) All information must be submitted in a format previously approved by the Department that is compatible with the GEICS. Bulk submissions must be encrypted using Secure FTP or other form of encryption previously approved by the Department that is compatible with the GEICS. Individual submissions may be submitted electronically via the GEICS Insurance Activity Form. Initial loads may be submitted via 3490 Magnetic Cartridge in a format previously approved by the Department that is compatible with the GEICS.

(4) Once coverage data has been transmitted to and accepted by the GEICS regarding a vehicle, there is no requirement for the transmittal of data regarding subsequent renewals of coverage for the subject vehicle(s).

(5) (A) Insurers shall provide the following information upon initial issuance or renewal of coverage: vehicle identification number (“VIN”), make and year of the insured vehicle, and policy effective date.

(B) Insurers shall provide the following information upon termination of coverage: vehicle identification number, make and year of the insured vehicle, policy effective date, and date of coverage termination.

(C) Insurers may provide additional information in optional fields if those fields are made available.

(6) The vehicle identification number submitted to the GEICS shall be the vehicle identification number as shown in the Georgia Registration and Title Information System, or “GRATIS.”

(7) A vehicle covered by a commercial vehicle policy is not subject to these requirements. However, if an insurer elects to “opt-in” and report the issuance or renewal of such a policy, all of the requirements of this Chapter shall be applicable.

(8) Terminations of coverage shall be reported to the GEICS by electronic transmission on or before the date coverage ends. If the termination is at the request of the insured, the termination shall be reported on the day that the request is processed by the insurer.

**Authority** Ga. L. 1974, pp. 123, as amended; O.C.G.A. §§ 40-5-4. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Certification of Insurance Requirements" was filed on November 5, 1974; effective November 25, 1974. **Amended:** F. Aug. 12, 1993; eff. Sept. 1, 1993. **Amended:** F Apr. 23, 1999; eff. May 13, 1999.

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The purpose of this proposed amendment is to adopt a regulation in compliance with the requirements of H.B. 994 and H.B. 1314, which modify the methods for providing proof of insurance and the consequences of a termination of insurance coverage.

### **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES**

The former regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-18-.02, is repealed, and the amended regulation is published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-8-1-.02.

The prior regulation is repealed in its entirety.

All of the provisions for electronic reporting of insurance coverage and terminations are new.



***570-18-.03 Officer's Check of Insurance: Forms and Procedure. Amended.***

~~(1) Any State or local law enforcement officer shall require anyone operating a motor vehicle subject to the mandatory insurance provisions of the "Georgia Motor Vehicle Accident Reparations Act," to produce evidence of compliance with said Act by I.D. card, insurance policy, agency's evidence of a policy binder, or a card of self-insurance.~~

~~(2) Evidence of compliance with said Act shall be:~~

~~(a) An insurance policy, or agents evidence of a policy binder which shall include the following information:~~

- ~~1. Name of the policy holder;~~
- ~~2. Name of the company (or group provided the individual company involved can be identified for purposes of verification) and if a policy binder, the name of the agent;~~
- ~~3. Policy number;~~
- ~~4. Effective date of coverage;~~
- ~~5. Expiration date of coverage.~~

~~(b) An Identification Card, which shall be set out below:~~

- ~~1. Each I.D. Card shall be printed on suitable I.D. Card stock paper. Each card shall bear on the front the title "Georgia Liability Insurance Identification Card." Information on the front of the card shall include the insurance company name, policy number, original issue date, expiration date, named insured, vehicle insured, year, make, and vehicle identification number. The back of the card shall contain the following statement: "Keep this card in your motor vehicle while in operation."~~
- ~~2. Each I.D. Card shall be printed so that it is substantially similar to the one set out below. Each item of information contained on each card shall be set forth in the order in which they are presented in the I.D. Card set forth below. All information must be machine printed or typed. The company may, at their discretion, include any other pertinent information on the card, but such~~

~~additional information shall in no way act as a substitute for the information required in Section (1) of this Rule.~~

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<b>GEORGIA LIABILITY INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARD</b>	
Insurance Company Name _____	
_____	_____
<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Original Issue Date</b>
_____	
<b>Expiration Date</b>	
<b>NAMED INSURED</b>	
Vehicle Insured	
Year _____	Make _____ V.I. Number _____

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<p><b>KEEP THIS CARD</b></p> <p><b>IN YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE</b></p> <p><b>WHILE IN OPERATION</b></p>
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~~3. All new policies and renewal policies issued after the effective date of this Rule must be accompanied by the I.D. Card prescribed herein.~~

~~(c) Self-Insured I.D. card will have to meet specifications of the rules promulgated by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.~~

1. Each I.D. Card shall be printed on suitable I.D. Card stock paper. Each card shall bear on the front the title "Georgia Self-Insurer Identification Card." Information on the front of the card shall include the self-insurer's name, self-insurance certificate number, issue date, expiration date, and indicate "FLEET" at the bottom of the card. The back of the card shall contain the following statement: "Keep this card in your motor vehicle while in operation."

2. Each I.D. Card shall be printed so that it is substantially similar to the one set out below.\* Each item of information contained on each card shall be set forth in the order in which they are presented in the I.D. Card set forth below. All information must be machine-printed or typed. The self-insurer may, at their discretion, include any other pertinent information on the card, but such additional information shall in no way act as a substitute for the information required in Section (c)1. of this Rule.

\*Appears on page 145.

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<b>GEORGIA SELF INSURER IDENTIFICATION CARD</b>	
<b>NAME OF SELF INSURER</b> _____	
_____ <b>DATE ISSUED</b>	_____ <b>EXPIRATION DATE</b>
<b>SELF INSURER CERTIFICATION NUMBER</b> _____	
<b>FLEET</b>	

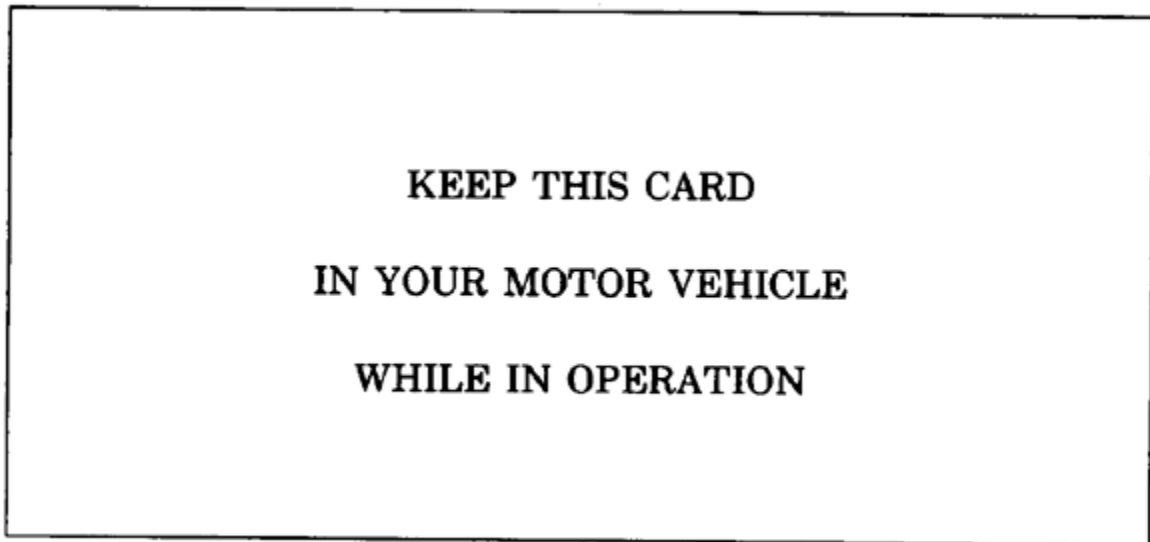
(d) For the purpose of this chapter, the word "fleet" will be a policyholder having five or more vehicles covered by a blanket policy.

1. Each I.D. Card shall be printed on suitable I.D. Card stock paper. Each card shall bear on the front the title "Georgia Liability Insurance Identification Card".

~~Information on the front of the card shall include the insurance company name, policy number, original issue date, expiration date, named insured and the word "fleet".~~

~~2. Each I.D. Card shall be printed so that it is substantially similar to the one set out below. Each item of information contained on each card shall be set forth below. All information must be machine printed or typed. The company may, at their discretion, include any other pertinent information on the card, but such additional information shall in no way act as a substitute for the information required in Section 1. of this rule.~~

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**GEORGIA LIABILITY INSURANCE  
IDENTIFICATION CARD**

**INSURANCE COMPANY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**POLICY NUMBER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**EXPIRATION DATE**

**NAMED INSURED**

**VEHICLE INSURED** \_\_\_\_\_ **FLEET** \_\_\_\_\_

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. [33-34-12](#), 40-5-71. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Officer's Check of Insurance: Forms and Procedure" was filed on November 5, 1974; effective November 25, 1974.

**Amended:** Filed September 15, 1977; effective October 5, 1977. **Amended:** Filed November 4, 1982; effective November 24, 1982. **Amended:** Filed April 7, 1983; effective April 27, 1983.

**Amended:** F. May 29, 1991; eff. Jun. 18, 1991.

Repealed.

***375-8-1--.03 Officer's Check of Insurance: Forms and Procedures.  
Amended.***

~~(1) Any State or local law enforcement officer shall require anyone operating a motor vehicle subject to the mandatory insurance provisions of the "Georgia Motor Vehicle Accident Reparations Act," to produce evidence of compliance with said Act by I.D. card, insurance policy, agency's evidence of a policy binder, or a card of self insurance.~~

~~(2) Evidence of compliance with said Act shall be:~~

~~(a) An insurance policy, or agents evidence of a policy binder which shall include the following information:~~

~~1. Name of the policy holder;~~

~~2. Name of the company (or group provided the individual company involved can be identified for purposes of verification) and if a policy binder, the name of the agent;~~

~~3. Policy number;~~

~~4. Effective date of coverage;~~

~~5. Expiration date of coverage.~~

~~(b) An Identification Card, which shall be set out below:~~

~~1. Each I.D. Card shall be printed on suitable I.D. Card stock paper. Each card shall bear on the front the title "Georgia Liability Insurance Identification Card." Information on the front of the card shall include the insurance company name, policy number, original issue date, expiration date, named insured, vehicle insured, year, make, and vehicle identification number. The back of the card shall contain the following statement: "Keep this card in your motor vehicle while in operation."~~

~~2. Each I.D. Card shall be printed so that it is substantially similar to the one set out below. Each item of information contained on each card shall be set forth in the order in which they are presented in the I.D. Card set forth below. All information must be machine printed or typed. The company may, at their discretion, include any other pertinent information on the card, but such~~

~~additional information shall in no way act as a substitute for the information required in Section (1) of this Rule.~~

~~(i) Front~~

<b>GEORGIA LIABILITY INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARD</b>		
Insurance Company Name _____		
_____	_____	_____
Policy Number		Original Issue Date
_____		
Expiration Date		
<b>NAMED INSURED</b>		
Vehicle Insured		
Year _____	Make _____	V.I. Number _____

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<p><b>KEEP THIS CARD</b></p> <p><b>IN YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE</b></p> <p><b>WHILE IN OPERATION</b></p>
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~~3. All new policies and renewal policies issued after the effective date of this Rule must be accompanied by the I.D. Card prescribed herein.~~

~~(c) Self-Insured I.D. card will have to meet specifications of the rules promulgated by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.~~

1. Each I.D. Card shall be printed on suitable I.D. Card stock paper. Each card shall bear on the front the title "Georgia Self-Insurer Identification Card." Information on the front of the card shall include the self-insurer's name, self-insurance certificate number, issue date, expiration date, and indicate "FLEET" at the bottom of the card. The back of the card shall contain the following statement: "Keep this card in your motor vehicle while in operation."

2. Each I.D. Card shall be printed so that it is substantially similar to the one set out below.\* Each item of information contained on each card shall be set forth in the order in which they are presented in the I.D. Card set forth below. All information must be machine-printed or typed. The self-insurer may, at their discretion, include any other pertinent information on the card, but such additional information shall in no way act as a substitute for the information required in Section (c)1. of this Rule.

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<b>GEORGIA SELF INSURER IDENTIFICATION CARD</b>	
<b>NAME OF SELF INSURER</b> _____	
_____ <b>DATE ISSUED</b>	_____ <b>EXPIRATION DATE</b>
<b>SELF INSURER CERTIFICATION NUMBER</b> _____	
<b>FLEET</b>	

(d) For the purpose of this chapter, the word "fleet" will be a policyholder having five or more vehicles covered by a blanket policy.

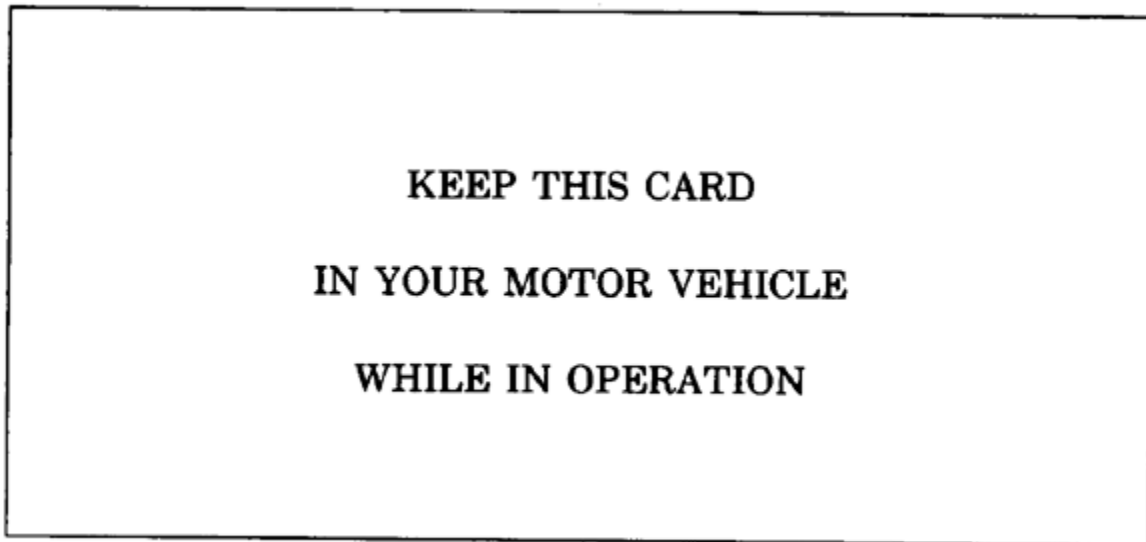
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<b>GEORGIA LIABILITY INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARD</b>	
INSURANCE COMPANY NAME _____	
_____ POLICY NUMBER	_____ ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE
_____ EXPIRATION DATE	
NAMED INSURED	
VEHICLE INSURED _____ FLEET _____	

(1) On and after February 1, 2003, the operator of a vehicle for which the GEICS has a valid insurance coverage indicator shall not be required to present further proof of minimum liability insurance coverage.

(2) On and after February 1, 2003, a valid insurance card shall be sufficient proof of insurance only for a vehicle covered under a commercial vehicle policy as defined in O.C.G.A. § 40-5-71.

(3) Insurers shall issue a policy information card which shall contain the name of the insurer, policy number, policy issue or effective date, policy expiration date, name of insured, and the year, make, model, and vehicle identification number for each vehicle insured. Additional information may be included, but may not substitute for any required information.

(a) Each policy information card shall be printed on suitable I.D. Card stock paper. Each card shall bear on the front the title "Georgia Insurance Policy Information

Card.” Each card shall bear the statement, in overlay, “Not proof of minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage.”

(b) The back of each card shall contain the statement “Keep this card in your motor vehicle while in operation.” Each card shall be printed so as to be substantially similar to the example set forth below. Each item of information shall be set forth in the order shown below. All information must be printed or typed.

(i) Front of card:

<b>GEORGIA INSURANCE POLICY INFORMATION CARD</b>	
Insurance Company Name: _____	
_____ Policy Number	_____ Original Issue Date
_____ Expiration Date	
NAMED INSURED	
Vehicle Insured	
Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Vehicle Identification Number: _____	

(ii) Back of card:

KEEP THIS CARD  
IN YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE  
WHILE IN OPERATION

(4) Vehicles covered under a plan of self-insurance approved by the Insurance Commissioner shall be issued a self-insurance policy information card. Such cards will conform to specifications promulgated by the Commissioner of Insurance.

(a) Each card shall be printed on suitable I.D. Card stock paper. Each card shall bear on the front the title "Georgia Self-Insurance Policy Information Card." The card shall contain the name of the self-insurer, self-insurance certificate number, issue date, expiration date, and the word "FLEET" at the bottom of each card. Additional information may be included, but may not substitute for any required information. Unless the self-insurance plan otherwise meets the requirements for a commercial vehicle policy, each card shall bear the statement, in overlay, "Not proof of minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage."

(b) The back of each card shall contain the statement “Keep this card in your motor vehicle while in operation.” Each card shall be printed so as to be substantially similar to the example set forth below. Each item of information shall be set forth in the order shown below. All information must be printed or typed.

(i) Front of card:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GEORGIA SELF-INSURANCE POLICY INFORMATION CARD</b></p> <p>Name of Self-Insurer: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Original Issue Date</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Expiration Date</p> <p>Self-Insurance Certification Number: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FLEET</p>
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(ii) Back of card:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KEEP THIS CARD IN YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE IN OPERATION</b></p>
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(5) For purposes of this Chapter, a fleet policy shall be a commercial vehicle policy covering five or more vehicles under a blanket policy. Vehicles covered under a fleet policy shall be issued a fleet policy information card.

(a) Each card shall be printed on suitable I.D. Card stock paper. Each card shall bear on the front the title “Georgia Fleet Policy Information Card.” The card shall contain the name of the insurer, policy number, original issue date, expiration date, named insured, and the word “FLEET” at the bottom of each card. Additional information may be included, but may not substitute for any required information. Unless the fleet policy meets the requirements for a commercial vehicle policy, each card shall bear the statement, in overlay, “Not proof of minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage.”

(b) The back of each card shall contain the statement “Keep this card in your motor vehicle while in operation.” Each card shall be printed so as to be substantially similar to the example set forth below. Each item of information shall be set forth in the order shown below. All information must be printed or typed.

(i) Front of card:

<b>GEORGIA FLEET POLICY INFORMATION CARD</b>	
Insurance Company Name: _____	
_____ Policy Number	_____ Original Issue Date
_____ Expiration Date	
NAMED INSURED	
FLEET	

(ii) Back of card:

KEEP THIS CARD  
IN YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE  
WHILE IN OPERATION

**Authority** O.C.G.A. §§ 33-34-12; 40-2-1; 40-2-26; 40-2-137; 40-5-71(c); 40-6-10. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Officer's Check of Insurance: Forms and Procedure" was filed on November 5, 1974; effective November 25, 1974. **Amended:** F. Sept. 15, 1977; eff. October 5, 1977. **Amended:** F Nov. 4, 1982; eff. November 24, 1982, **Amended:** F. Apr. 7, 1983; eff. Apr. 27, 1983. **Amended:** F. May 29, 1991; eff. June 18, 1991.

## **SYNOPSIS**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE**

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to adopt a regulation in compliance with the requirements of H.B. 994, which modifies the methods for providing proof of insurance.

### **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES**

The former regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-18-.03, is repealed, and the amended regulation is published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-8-1-.03.

The prior regulation is repealed in its entirety.

All of the provisions for electronic reporting of insurance coverage and terminations are new.

The specifications for insurance identification cards are modified to reflect that they no longer serve as proof of insurance.



***375-8-1.04 Insurance Status Indicators.***

(1) A “Valid Insurance Coverage” status will be displayed on the GEICS when a new business record is successfully processed by the GEICS. A new business record is transmitted by the insurer upon initial issuance of coverage to an insured or upon the first renewal of an existing policy after November 1, 2003. A separate new business record must be transmitted for each vehicle, regardless of the number of vehicles covered on a single policy. This status will be displayed with respect to the vehicle which is the subject of this record until such time as the GEICS receives a termination record from the insurer.

(2) The Department will maintain the “Valid Insurance Coverage” status indicator for thirty (30) days following receipt of a termination record to allow for transmission of a new business record from an insurer replacing the terminated coverage. After thirty (30) days, the status indicator will be changed to “No Valid Insurance Coverage.”

(3) Any vehicle registered in the State of Georgia for which the Department has received no information regarding insurance coverage on or after November 1, 2002, or vehicles which are not subject to the GEICS reporting requirements, will be given a status indicator of “Unknown.” The owner or operator of a vehicle with a status indicator of “Unknown” must comply with the alternative methods of proof of minimum mandatory liability insurance coverage specified in O.C.G.A. § 40-6-10 in order to lawfully operate the vehicle, register the vehicle, or renew the registration of the vehicle.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 40-2-26; 40-2-137, 40-5-71(c); 40-6-10.

## **SYNOPSIS**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE**

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to adopt a regulation in compliance with the requirements of H.B. 994 and H.B. 1314, which requires the agency to implement a system of electronic insurance verification.

### **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES**

This is a new regulation. There is no existing rule.

***570-18-.05 Owner Required to Keep Evidence of Insurance in Vehicle.  
Amended.***

~~Any owner of a motor vehicle subject to “The Georgia Motor Vehicle Accident  
Reparations Act” shall be required to keep in said vehicle evidence of compliance with  
said Act in the manner provided in Rule 570-18-.03(2).~~

Repealed.

**Authority** O.C.G.A. §§ 33-34-12. **History.** Original Rule entitled “Owner Required to Keep Evidence of Insurance in Vehicle” was filed on November 5, 1974; effective November 25, 1974. **Amended:** F. Sept. 15, 1977; eff. October 5, 1977. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. F Nov. 4, 1982; eff. November 24, 1982.

***375-8-1--.05 Owner Required to Keep Evidence of Insurance in Vehicle.  
Amended.***

Any owner or operator of a motor vehicle subject to “The Georgia Motor Vehicle Accident Reparations Act” which does not have a “Valid Insurance Coverage” status indicator in the GEICS shall be required to ~~keep in said vehicle evidence of~~ demonstrate compliance with said Act in the manner provided in ~~Rule 570-18-.03(2)~~ O.C.G.A. § 40-6-10.

**Authority** O.C.G.A. §§ 33-34-12; 40-6-10. **History.** Original Rule entitled “Owner Required to Keep Evidence of Insurance in Vehicle” was filed on November 5, 1974; effective November 25, 1974. **Amended:** F. Sept. 15, 1977; eff. October 5, 1977. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. F Nov. 4, 1982; eff. November 24, 1982.

## **SYNOPSIS**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE**

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to adopt a regulation in compliance with the requirements of H.B. 994, which modifies the methods for providing proof of insurance.

### **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES**

The former regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-18-.05, is repealed, and the amended regulation is published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-8-1-.05.

The requirement to furnish proof of insurance is extended to the operator of a vehicle, in conformance with current statutory requirements.

The specification for providing proof of insurance coverage, for vehicles not in the GEICS, is modified to refer to O.C.G.A. § 40-6-10, which specifies those methods.

***375-8-1-.06 Civil Penalties for Uninsured Vehicles.***

(1) Upon receipt of a notice of termination of insurance coverage on a vehicle, if the Department has not received notice from an insurer that new minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage has been obtained for the subject vehicle, the Department will issue a notice to the registered owner of the vehicle stating that the Department has receive notice of the termination of coverage and informing the owner of the penalties provided by law.

(2) (a) The Department will send said notice to the address of the registered owner of the motor vehicle as reflected in the Georgia Registration and Title Information System (“GRATIS”).

(b) The mailing of such notice shall be deemed to be conclusive notice to the registered owner of the duty to maintain the minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage and the possible penalties and consequences of failure to do so.

(c) No further notice shall be required for the suspensions or revocations provided for by law.

(3) On and after February 1, 2003, no vehicle registration or renewal of registration will be issued to any motor vehicle if the vehicle registration has been revoked, suspended, or cancelled. All accrued restoration and lapse fees must be paid prior to reinstatement.

(4) On and after February 1, 2003, no vehicle registration or renewal of registration will be issued to any motor vehicle for which the GEICS does not have a “Valid Insurance Coverage” status indicator unless the registrant produces proof of insurance coverage in a manner authorized by O.C.G.A. § 40-6-10.

(5) If the insurer advises the Department that the termination of coverage occurred because the subject vehicle was sold, traded, repossessed, salvaged, junked, stolen, put in storage, abandoned, or is inoperative, no notice of will be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle. However, applicable restoration and lapse fees will be assessed and will be due and payable upon renewal of the registration. If ownership of the vehicle changes, the Commissioner is authorized to waive said fees upon the new owner's registration of the vehicle.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 40-2-1; 40-2-26; 40-2-137, 40-5-71(c); 40-6-10.

## **SYNOPSIS**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE**

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to adopt a regulation in compliance with the requirements of H.B. 994 and H.B. 1314, which requires the agency to implement a system of electronic insurance verification and to suspend the vehicle registration of persons who fail to maintain continuous insurance coverage.

### **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES**

This is a new regulation. There is no existing rule.